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Moses Coulee Map Available to Sportsmen and Outdoor Recreationists

Wenatchee – A new map showing land ownership in the Moses Coulee area of central Washington is now available from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The map can be accessed online through the Spokane BLM District website at <www.or.blm.gov/Spokane> (recreation page), or can be purchased at either the Wenatchee or BLM Spokane offices. The full color map is the first of its kind available as part of a recent program to update maps and make them readily accessible to the public through the internet. These land ownership maps are used widely by sportsmen and outdoor recreationists.

Jim Fisher, Field Manager of the BLM Wenatchee office, says “The map updating program is particularly important due to changing ownerships occurring with land exchanges.” The BLM land exchange program in Washington State results in maps becoming outdated long before the normal print cycle of standard maps. Fisher said having updated maps will better meet public needs.

Fisher expects the Moses Coulee map to be popular with all public land users, not just hunters and hikers. In addition to showing BLM-administered lands, the map shows other public lands and the location of recreational facilities, including trails and campgrounds.

Although most of BLM’s standard maps are relatively small scale, the Moses Coulee map is designed to measure 48x35 inches, with a scale of 1 inch equals 1 mile to make it more useful to the general public. Home users with limited printer capability can request a copy of this map from either the Wenatchee or Spokane BLM office at a cost of \$7.50.

For more information about the Moses Coulee map, contact the Wenatchee BLM office, 915 Walla Walla Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98801-1521 (phone: 509/665-2100), or the Spokane BLM office, 1103 N. Fancher, Spokane, WA 99212-1275 (phone: 509/536-1200). Maps can also be ordered by phone using a credit card by calling either the Wenatchee or Spokane BLM office.